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SUBJECT: MAY 21 - DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN PEOPLE

REF: A. STATE 46997

¶B. STATE 45792

¶1. Post discussed the May 21 "Day of Solidarity with Cuba" with contacts from the Slovak Government, Parliament and NGOs. Laszlo Nagy, Chairman of Parliament's Committee for human rights, minorities and the status of women, will consider making a statement in Parliament, or proposing a political resolution from his committee on May 21.

¶2. Although Slovakia's NGO are active in promoting democracy and respect for Human Rights in Cuba, no events are planned for May 21. Two NGOs, People in Peril and Pontis, co-organized a March of Solidarity with the families of Cuban political prisoners in March. Both organizations argued that organizing an event so soon after would dampen its impact, and post concurs with this assessment. Post will remain proactive in its support for events that promote democracy and human rights in Cuba.

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